Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Applicants believe that the supplemental remarks presented below will place the application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter and consider the Amendment and Reply filed on October 15, 2004, and this Supplemental Reply and reconsider all outstanding rejections.

Support for Claim Amendments

In the Advisory Action dated December 30, 2004, the Examiner asserted that "Applicants suggested claim amendment to claim 84 includes a recitation that is new matter." Applicants respectfully traverse. The Examiner further asserted that "Applicants have not pointedly expressed where in the specification support for this amendment can be found." Applicants respectfully submit that further support for the new and amended claims presented in the Amendment and Reply filed on October 15, 2004, is found, *inter alia*, at paragraphs [0233] to [0240], paragraphs [0183] to [0185], and paragraphs [0316] to [0320] of the specification as filed.

Since, as shown by the preceding remarks, the new and amended claims presented in the Amendment and Reply filed on October 15, 2004, are fully supported, Applicants respectfully request that they be entered, and that all outstanding rejections and objections be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request that the outstanding rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn. Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Supplemental Reply, and allowance of all pending claims, are respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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